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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6562**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 160

**NOTE PREPARED:** Feb 20, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:** Feb 19, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Indiana GIS Council.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Ford

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Hasler

**BILL STATUS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading - 2<sup>nd</sup> House

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the Office of Geographic Information to provide for the Development and Implementation of an Indiana Geographic Information System. The bill establishes the Indiana Geographic Information System Council to advise the office in the implementation of its duties.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) June 30, 2004; July 1, 2004.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) *Office of Geographic Information:* The bill establishes the Office of Geographic Information. The Office includes the State Land Office. The bill requires the Governor to appoint an executive director for the Office. The executive director will serve as the chief executive officer of the Office and the Indiana Geographic System Council. The Office is required to provide for the cataloging and distribution of state GIS data information from federal, state, and local sources through the Internet. The Office is also charged with coordinating the acquisition of new data for the Indiana Geographic Information System. The

The State Land Office is currently overseen by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration. This bill transfers the Land Office's oversight to the Office of Geographic Information.

The funds and resources required above could be supplied through a variety of sources, including the following: (1) existing staff and resources not currently being used to capacity; (2) existing staff and resources currently being used in another program; (3) authorized, but vacant, staff positions, including those positions that would need to be reclassified; (4) funds that, otherwise, would be reverted; or (5) new appropriations.

The impact of the provision on state General Fund expenditures will depend on administrative action. The current personnel and administrative costs of the State Land Office is estimated to be approximately \$96,000

annually. As of February 2, 2004, the Office had four budget staff positions, two of which are vacant. Ultimately, the source of funds and resources required to satisfy the requirements of this bill will depend upon legislative and administrative actions.

*Indiana Geographic Information System Council:* This bill establishes the 28-member Indiana Geographic Information System Council, chaired by the executive director of the Office of Geographic Information. The Council will consist of individuals appointed by the Governor who represent state, federal, and local government, higher education, and the private sector. The Council is charged with establishing GIS standards, determine the specifications for statewide base maps, and issuing grants from the GIS Development and Maintenance Fund, a Fund created by this bill.

Lay members who do not work for a state agency would be entitled to a \$50 per diem and mileage reimbursement. Mileage and per diem for lay members would be paid from the appropriations made to the Polis Center. Members of the Council who are state employees are eligible for a mileage reimbursement.

The Office of Geographic Information will staff the Council. Council expenses would be paid from appropriations to GIS Development and Maintenance Fund, a Fund created by this bill.

*GIS Development and Maintenance Fund:* The Fund will be administered by the Office and will consist of General Fund appropriations. Money in the Fund is non-reverting, and will be used to administer the Office and Council and to provide funding for GIS related grants issued by the Council.

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) The bill requires at 75% of the grants made from the GIS Development and Maintenance Fund to be distributed to political subdivision.

**State Agencies Affected:** State Land Office; IUPUI; Department of Administration.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Political subdivisions.

**Information Sources:**

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